



MY MOTHER'S BIBLE

By George Pope Morris

This book is all that's left me now—
Tears will unbidden start—
With faltering lip and throbbing brow
I press it to my heart.
For many generations past,
Here is our family tree;
My mother's hands this Bible clasped,
She, dying, gave it to me.

Ah! well do I remember those
Whose names these records bear;
Who 'round the hearthstone used to close
After the evening prayer,
And speak of what these pages said
In tones my heart would thrill!
Though they are with the silent dead,
Here are they living still!

My father read this Holy Book
To brothers, sisters, dear;
How calm was my poor mother's look,
Who loved God's Word to hear!
Her angel face—I see it yet!
What thronging memories come!
Again that little group is met
Within the halls of home!

Thou truest friend man ever knew,
Thy constancy I've tried;
When all were false, I found thee true,
My counselor and guide.
The mines of earth no treasures give
That could this volume buy;
In teaching me the way to live,
It taught me how to die!

THE GROUND OF

*"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make
you free."—John 8:32.*

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NOTICES...

Anyone having friends or relatives stationed at Suisun-Fairfield Army Air Base, please send names to me. I will visit them and furnish transportation to and from Fairfield Church of God.—Rev. Wm. A. Grant, pastor, Box 224, Suisun, Calif.

Anyone having a friend in any branch of the service at Key West, Fla., whom you would like for the Church of God pastor to visit, contact Rev. Carl W. Bryan, 1008 Olivia St., Key West, Fla.

I am now fully engaged in the evangelistic work in the State of Ohio, and will be ready to go anywhere in the State or out of the State if necessary.—Floyd W. Rollins, 2227 S. High St., Columbus, Ohio.

We are now fully engaged in the evangelistic work and are open for calls. We play and sing together.—Rev. and Mrs. O. N. Swearengen, 723 Pitner St., Knoxville, Tenn.

DEATHS

PATTERSON

Mable Patterson, a resident of Oak Grove, La., died at the age of forty-two. She was a faithful member of the Church of God. She is survived by her husband, two sons, and two daughters.—F. M. Fitzgerald, her pastor.

McELUAY

Louis McEluay died August 16, 1946. Age, eighty-seven years. He was a faithful member of the Church of God. Survived by one son and one daughter.—Rev. W. G. Pearson.

FRAZIER

Rev. Emmett O. Frazier went to be with Jesus Sept. 10, 1946, at the age of thirty-six years and eleven months. He was converted and began his ministry in the Church of God at the age of sixteen, and always walked worthy of the vocation wherein he was called. A great man has fallen. His ministerial activities covered a wide territory—evangelizing and pastoring in Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Illinois, and Kentucky. He was pastoring in Cawood, Ky., at the time of his death. He is survived by a faithful wife, one

son, and one daughter.—Mrs. F. E. Dalton, Sylvatus, Va.

CREASY

Clarence C. Creasy slipped away to be with Jesus October 20, 1946, after having been injured in an accident in the coal mines. He was a faithful Christian for thirty-five years, and a member of the Church of God. He is survived by his wife and eleven children. He left a glorious testimony.—Mrs. Geo. L. Cravens, his daughter.

Requests for Prayer...

PRAY FOR:

Me to be filled with the Holy Ghost.—Vernie Dean, Cheshire, Ohio.

God to heal me of sugar diabetes.—Lauton Wheat, Poplarville, Miss.

God to heal me of cancer.—Vernon Colston, Whitwell, Tenn.

My head and eyes to be healed; my husband to be saved.—A reader.

God to heal me of heart and stomach trouble.—Mae McCain, Cedartown, Ga.

Me to be healed of arthritis.—Mrs. A. H. Howe, Roslin, Tenn.

God to send a Church of God minister to this community.—Mrs. Georgia Miller, Jefferson, Texas.

Me to be healed of cancer. This

seems to be the most needy hour of my life.—Mrs. Belle Godwin, Tampa, Fla.

My mother who has been ill for several weeks. She is seventy years old.—Maud Medlin, Clarksdale, Miss.

My son to be saved.—Mrs. E. M. Woodruff, Afton, Tenn.

God to completely heal our boy who has rheumatic fever.—Mrs. Edwin Goethe, Palmetto, Fla.

God to heal my feet, I can hardly walk.—Mrs. Alven Long, Gastonia, N. C.

Nick Kokas who seems to have a cancer.—A friend.

My husband to be saved and for our home.—A sister in Christ.

The healing of my daughter who has leakage of the heart, and rheumatism.—Lura Geary, Echols, Ky.

God to heal Mother Bryan of arthritis and leakage of the heart.—Mrs. Donna Bryan, Key West, Fla.

God to heal my body; doctors say medicine will not reach my case.—Mrs. A. Peterson, Winter Green, Ga.

God to heal my two sisters and other relatives; also an unspoken request, and the salvation of my loved ones.—A sister in Christ.

My home to become a home of prayer.—Mrs. M. W. Coren, Belmont, N. C.

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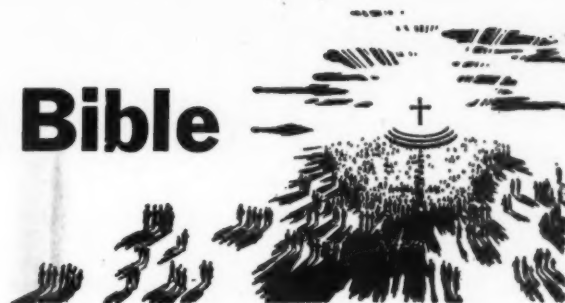
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• Revivals are not begun or ended with series of meetings, but come from God through earnest men who fervently pray.

• Revivals in the Bible

William Culbertson*



In looking for revival in the Bible, we should look for the revitalization, the renewal, the reanimation of God's people. Necessarily, we should expect to find the saints in a condition of low spirituality, from which they must be raised. Every revival begins with God's people in a state of lethargy, if not in open rebellion against the will of God. Our faithful God, however, moves upon some person or persons, and as a result of obedience unto prayer. He gives revival. That stirring of the Spirit then over flows the confines of the lives of the saints to bless a waiting world.

It is our purpose to trace the subject of revival historically through the canon. We shall content ourselves with viewing briefly the great revivals recorded in the divine record. We select eight such movements of the Spirit of God, not as a full record but as illustrative of the origin and mode of revival (not that revivals are stereotyped in form: they are not; however, there are certain generalizations which we can make, even if we cannot say that specific results are always similar).

There was a revival in Judah in the days of Asa; we read of it in the fifteenth chapter of the book of Chronicles. Azariah, the prophet, reminded the king of the great principle: "The Lord is with you, while ye be with him; and if ye seek him, he will be found of you; but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you" (v. 2). History affords many illustrations of the application of this principle (vv. 3-6). Then it was that Asa hearkened to the Lord's voice: the people sought the Lord; idolatry was stamped out; the altar of the Lord was renewed (vv. 8-14). With what result? Look at the language of verse 15: "And all Judah rejoiced . . . and

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sought him with their whole desire; and he was found of them: and the Lord gave them rest round about."

The next recorded season of refreshing from the presence of the Lord was in the days of Jehoshaphat, king of Judah. While this revival is not so fully reported as are the others, it is evident that the Lord met His people. We find that Jehoshaphat's heart was moved by God (2 Chron. 17:6). No one can seek the Lord (v. 3) without having the Lord work in and for him. The result of Jehoshaphat's being led in the way of the Lord was twofold: he destroyed the high places (v. 6); he sent forth the Levites with the law (vv. 7-9). Is it any wonder, then, that we read that the fear of the Lord fell upon heathen nations, and that God granted peace to Judah (v. 10)?

About fifteen years after the death of Jehoshaphat, God graciously moved upon His ancient people. Judah had come upon the dark days of Jehoram, of Ahaziah, and of Athaliah. Might and wrong seemed constantly to conquer right. The true worship of God seemed to pass into complete eclipse. But God moved one man, Jehoiada, the priest. When Joash came to the throne, Jehoiada led the people to the Lord. The record of this revival is in 2 Chronicles 23:16-21. The people entered into covenant with God (v. 16). God met His people, "And all the people of the land rejoiced: and the city was quiet" (v. 21).

More than a century passed into history before the next revival mentioned in the Word came to Judah. It was in the days of Hezekiah, king of Judah. After Hezekiah had cleansed the Temple and had restored its worship (2 Chron. 29:3-36), and after he had sent posts throughout the land (2 Chron. 30:1-10), the work of the Lord began in the hearts of the people. Multitudes of Hebrews, both of the northern and southern kingdoms, sought the Lord (2 Chron.

30:13); they meant business, for they destroyed the idolatrous altars (v. 14). "Their prayer came up to his holy dwelling place, even unto heaven" (v. 27). Is it any wonder that we read that God healed the people and they rejoiced before Him (vv. 20-23)? So wonderful was this reviving that the chronicler, by the Spirit, records: "So there was great joy in Jerusalem, for since the time of Solomon the son of David king of Israel there was not the like in Jerusalem." (v. 26).

Approximately another hundred years passed before the next reviving of the Lord fell upon His people. Josiah was king. As a lad of eight years of age, he sought the Lord (2 Chron. 34:1-3). He broke down heathen altars and slew heathen priests (vv. 4-7), for there had been a resurgence of idolatry during the reigns of Manasseh and Amon. Ten years later, the Temple was repaired, and the law was "discovered" (vv. 8-14). Convicted by the Word of God, the king and his people turned to the Lord. The Passover was observed, and Judah's spiritual condition may be learned from these words: "And there was no passover like to that kept in Israel from the days of Samuel the prophet" (2 Chron. 35:18). But behind this working of the Lord there was the earnest prayer of a young king; in the words of Huldah the prophetess: "Because thine heart was tender, and thou didst humble thyself before God . . . and didst . . . weep before me; I have even heard thee also, saith the Lord" 2 Chron. 34:27.

There were two revivals after the return of God's people from captivity. The first of these was during the rebuilding of the Temple. Zerubbabel was the one used of the Lord to lead the people back to the strength and joy of the springs of God. The people, harassed by foes and delayed by political trickery, were discouraged. Because of their failure to heed the

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BIBLE GLINTS *and* Late Events

BY THE EDITOR

MISSIONARIES VISIT HEADQUARTERS

On October 30, Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Ingram, of California, were in our office visiting us en route to Cuba, where Brother Ingram, our overseer of Cuba and field representative of missions, is to take up his work.

Brother Ingram is still limping, as a result of the automobile accident he had in California while riding with some of the friends of the Church there. A racing car struck them broadside, overturning the car and pinning Brother Ingram in, almost wrapping the door around him. Sister Kinsey, first matron of our orphanage, was riding in the car with them. She had several bones broken, and another one in the car had his collarbone broken. In the excitement, Brother Ingram being unconscious, they laid him across an irrigation ditch, his body forming a human bridge. When they came to him later he was asking, "Where am I? Are we in Cuba? What are we doing here?"

Brother Ingram, over the many years, has had his heart ever in the mission work; circling the globe some three or four times; suffering perils on land and sea during the last terrible war, never slacking his pace for the cause of missions. Sister Ingram, a faithful servant of God who has furnished us our noble missionary, is now going with him; and may I add, she was also hurt in the accident. The doctor ordered her to bed; she had a very severe stroke on the head, but she asked him, "Who would wait on the rest of them?" She had the house full of those who were hurt. She was able to keep going, proving a most useful and efficient nurse to all of them.

Sister Ingram said, that inasmuch as the old devil had tried to defeat them, and even kill them before they made this trip, she was expecting a real landslide in Cuba. Brother Ingram's daughter, sixteen years of age, and his son are traveling with them. They hope to have their car shipped over so they will have this convenience of travel. I had the privilege of traveling with Brother Ingram

one time, from one end of Cuba to the other. They have a nice highway nearly six hundred miles long, and many beautiful towns in the interior.

May God go with you, Brother and Sister Ingram and the family. Remember, we will be praying for you.

Missionaries to India

During the last week of October, Brother George Cook, missionary to India, visited us; also, a few days later, his brother Paul was here discussing matters with the Mission Secretary, Brother J. Stewart Brinsfield. Plans are being made and schedules checked for their leaving for India. These are precious, godly young men, who have the work in India on their hearts. They are eager to return to assist their father in that great work of missions there in India. Don't forget to pray for their father, Robert Cook, who is aging. The strenuous years of service there have drawn heavily upon his physical resources. May we ask, "Have you prayed for the missionaries today?"

Missionaries to Guatemala

Miss Dorothy Pullin has just arrived, by plane, from Guatemala. She and Luther Carrol, Jr., are to be married this week, and are to return with Brother and Sister Furman to Guatemala. The Mission Board has purchased Brother and Sister Furman a nice new "jeep" which can be used for so many practical purposes in Guatemala. It will be the gristmill, power plant, sawmill, the mule for climbing the mountains, and transportation of its kind.

Brother Carrol and his bride will be touring with them, driving the new jeep. Brother Carrol is very eager to get to his new field of labor, and we know, with his splendid companion, an American girl reared in Guatemala, schooled in both languages, English and Spanish, and with the deep consecration and talent she has for the work of the Lord, he will be successful in this field.

Naturally, as I think of these people, knowing the country in which they are to work, my heart is thrilled,

for it brings anew those scenes which made such a vivid impression upon me when I visited throughout the area of Guatemala with Brother Ingram and Brother Furman, to our various mission compounds out from Totonicapan.

Millions for Race Tracks; Not A Cent for Churches

This Apparently is the U. S. Policy

The Rainbow Boulevard Church of the Nazarene is threatened with jail sentences if they worship in their new building, and were forced to have service in the street. The pastor, the Rev. Harris, after being refused building material, erected the church out of cement blocks. Then he was forbidden to install lights, heating, and sanitary facilities. *The Protestant Voice* reports that when the Tam-O-Shanter Golf Club burned, it was announced that the rebuilding would begin the following day, and it did. Although churches cannot be built, golf clubs can.

Government restrictions, shortage of materials, and increasing labor costs have combined to delay church building plans calling for over \$700,000,000 in new church building, improvements, and additions.

This reminds us of the old song our mothers sang, "This World Is Not a Friend to Grace."

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World-Wide Bible Reading

Thanksgiving to Christmas, November 28-December 25

BIBLES FOR GERMANY

Plans for the production of a million German Bibles, to be printed in Germany, with material supplied largely by the American Bible Society, are under consideration.

The society has furnished 86,000 Bibles, 427,000 Testaments, and 549,000 Gospels in the last year, and will shortly be able to ship to Germany over 250,000 Bibles and a large quantity of New Testaments. In addition, 5,000 Testaments are to be produced in Finland for distribution in Germany.

The printing program for this large order of Bibles requires 1,000 tons of cellulose and sixteen tons of Bible printing ink. The quantity of stitching thread that will be needed, according to estimates by binding establishments, would be approximately 15,000 miles long.

When the various materials that are required are secured by the Bible Society they will be sent to the Council of Evangelical Churches in Germany. They, in turn, with the aid of the German Bible societies, and contributions from the German churches, will turn the cellulose into paper, print the Bibles, bind them, and so make 1,000,000 Bibles available to the German people and churches.



A study by the American, British, and Continental Bible societies at a recent conference of Bible societies in London showed Germany as the greatest area of need. It is hoped that the books which the Bible Society will be able to furnish will tide over the

immediate shortage until production can be started in Germany.

The Rev. Dr. Hanns Lilje, Bishop-elect of Hanover and a member of the Council of the Evangelical Church in Germany, stressed at the London conference the importance of dealing with the men in Germany between the ages of eighteen and thirty, who have been demobilized, trying without success to find jobs and no chance of entering the university. To these young men the Bible is a "new experience" and they are slowly discovering it is a book that does not change with the changing years, Dr. Lilje said.

Largest Publishing Center

In peace time, more Scriptures are printed in Shanghai, China, than in any other city in the world, not excepting London and New York.

First Braille Concordance

The American Bible Society has under preparation the publication of the first Braille Concordance of the Bible for the Blind. It will require ten large volumes.

PASSAGES TO BE READ DAILY

Thanksgiving, November 28	1 Kings 19:9-18 (Elijah)
Friday	Nehemiah 6 (Nehemiah)
Saturday	Zechariah 4 (Zerubbabel)
Sunday, December 1	Isaiah 1:1-20; 6 (Isaiah)
Monday	Isaiah 52:13-53:12 (God's Servant)
Tuesday	Jeremiah 1:1-2:13 (Jeremiah)
Wednesday	Daniel 6 (Daniel)
Thursday	Luke 1:26-56 (Mary)
Friday	Matthew 3:1-17 (John the Baptist)
Saturday	John 3:1-17 (Nicodemus)
Sunday, December 8	Genesis 8:20-9:17 (Noah)
Monday	Genesis 12:1-9; 17:1-8 (Abraham)
Tuesday	Genesis 32 (Jacob)
Wednesday	Genesis 37 (Joseph)
Thursday	Exodus 3 (Moses)
Friday	Ruth 1 (Ruth)
Saturday	1 Samuel 3 (Samuel)
Sunday, December 15	1 Samuel 16; Psalm 139 (David)
Monday	Luke 10:30-42 (Good Samaritan; Mary of Bethany)
Tuesday	Luke 15:11-24 (Prodigal Son)
Wednesday	John 13:1-17 (Jesus)
Thursday	John 17 (Jesus)
Friday	Acts 2 (Peter)
Saturday	Acts 6:8-15; 7:44-60 (Stephen)
Sunday, December 22	Acts 9:1-9; 13:14-43 (Paul)
Monday	2 Timothy 1:1-18 (Timothy)
Tuesday	Hebrews 11:24-12:2 (Heroes of the Faith)
Christmas Day, December 25	Matthew 2 (Jesus)



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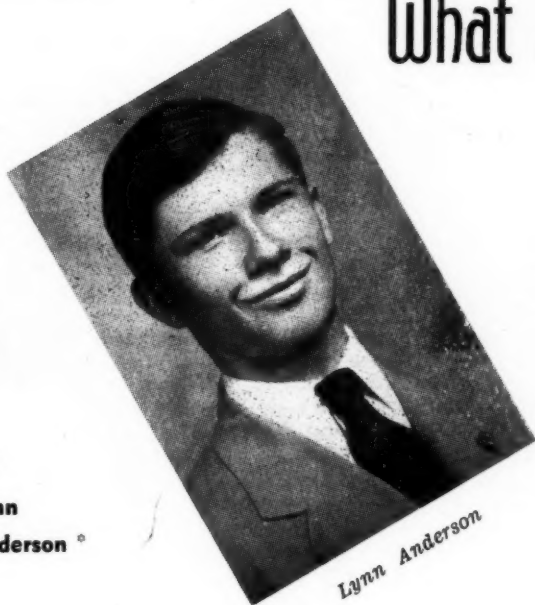
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Hell Just Ahead! . . . What About It?



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Text: *"The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God," Psalm 9:17.*

IN the course of almost every evangelistic campaign, there are three or four general subjects that should be preached. Not unimportant, I should say, are the subjects of "Hell," "Death," and "The Judgment." Although they are unpleasant topics at times, they are the Word of God, the same as John 3:16 is the Word. God gives the rule and commission of the prophets in Ezekiel 3:18, 19. Preaching on hell is not to scare people into salvation, but to warn them to turn now from sin to avoid the horrible pitfall that lies JUST AHEAD.

As I traverse this fair land of ours for God, I see drunken America madly rushing as a mass stampede toward an unknown destiny. Literally thousands and millions plunge off into the great white light of God's judgment every day. So many are unprepared to die! So many don't even realize that hell, the name of which they use every day, will some day be their eternal abode, from where the smoke of their torment will ascend forever! Rev. 14:11. They seem not to know, as they race on in a mad frenzy, that just

ahead lies a yawning abyss called HELL. Hell! is the place prepared for the devil and his angels! Man goes there as an intruder, and against God's will. 2 Peter 3:9. Yet, down through the nineteen hundred years since Christ, men and women have chosen to spend their eternity there rather than to accept the plan of redemption secured and paid for when Jesus shed His own precious blood for remission of sins. So many have gone there that Isaiah says in chapter 5, verse 14, "Hell hath enlarged herself, . . . to make room for all who go down without their sins forgiven."

If men go to hell, who cares? God cares. He made a way for their escape. John 3:16. Jesus cares. He wants everyone to come by way of Him and repent of their sins. John 14:6; Isaiah 53:5. All Christians should care. We are responsible, and if we fail to do our part, their blood will be required at our hands. Oh, if we could just get the great human race to visualize that at the end of the wide boulevard on which they now travel so fast, is a blind alley! They stop, bewildered, perplexed, lost, undone, without God, and any hope of life eternal. As they pause, impatient and spellbound, knowing not which way to turn, suddenly the

bottom falls out; devouring tongues of flame leap hungrily outward; and the hapless multitudes, screaming, weeping, wailing and gnashing their teeth, fall into the open and waiting bottomless pit that engulfs them in the lake which is eternally and everlastingly burning with fire and brimstone. THIS IS THE SECOND DEATH!

Sinner friend, if tonight those bitter, cold, fatal, creeping, authoritative, death-revealing words were to come to you, as to the rich fool in Matt. 12:20, and the all-powerful and eternal God were to send His death angel to notify you that your doom is here, your woe is pronounced, your judgment is passed, your verdict is reached, your sentence is given, your punishment is HELL, what could you do? Job 31:14. Prepare now—*don't* let sin send you to hell. Isaiah 1:18 says, "Come now and let us reason together, saith the Lord; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."

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WE THINK of the destruction during World War II, and the things that have come out of the war which portray to one who is a follower of the Christ of the Holy Scriptures that the days in which we are living are the days of the closing of the dispensation of grace.

In Matthew 24, Christ was telling His disciples what would be in the last days, and He says, "All these are the beginning of sorrows"; v. 8. Some-time ago, we heard over the radio that fifteen million people of Europe are homeless, with scant clothing and no food; doomed to starvation or death by exposure or cold unless help comes immediately. No doubt, thousands upon thousands of these are war victims who do not know whether their loved ones are homeless wanderers like themselves, have been killed, or what has become of them. There are children with no parents to care for them, and parents not knowing what has become of their children. Could one think of greater sorrow? The greater part of the world is mourning the loss of dear ones, lost or maimed in this terrible war. Only recently, it was reported over the radio that one Nazi criminal on trial in Germany confessed to killing ninety thousand Jews, and another confessed to killing half a million. Five million Jews were ruthlessly murdered during this war.

Luke 21:26, "Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things that are coming upon the earth . . ." Are men's hearts fearful today? Is it necessary to ask the question? We know that every nation is fearful of what the other nations are preparing to do. The heads of nations are trying to work together to bring about peace and security for the world, and at the same time, underneath it all, they are talking World War III, and preparing as fast as possible for it. Regardless of peace conferences, fear is in every heart, and perplexity as to what to do. The nations of the world are in a turmoil of fear and distrust of each other.

Read 1 Thess. 5:1-3, concerning when they cry, "Peace and safety," etc. World War I was a war to end wars, so they told us. Ever since, there has been, more or less, talk of peace, but never until the last few months has there been such a cry for peace.

Our own prime minister, as well as many others, has stated that the great San Francisco Peace Conference cannot accomplish its purpose—that a

Present World Conditions

By Mrs. R. C. Morrison

United Nations agreement is not enough; but that now they must have a superior council to deal with world affairs. We hear of talk now of a world government. A world bank has already been dealt with. A short time ago, someone stated that what the world needed was a man who could take charge of world affairs, who is impartial to imperial Britain, communistic Russia and democratic United States; someone who would be impartial to any nation; one who can take the reins of world government and cause us all to walk in the way of unity and peace. Does this fit into Bible prophecy? Let us see what it says about the "superman" as portrayed in the Holy Scriptures.

Before speaking further about the "superman," let us explain, that regardless of what some think or say, we believe this earth was created by God, who has given humanity His Word as a guide in the way of right and truth, and millions of people have proven it to be true and real in their lives. Genesis 1:1 tells us that God created the heavens and the earth. He created every living creature, which includes man. He also created the devil—Lucifer—who was created as an angel but chose to disobey his Creator. Isaiah 14:13-15 describes him as he exalted himself and bragged about being equal with God. Read the book of Job and you will see the controversy between God and Satan: God who is righteous and just, and Satan who uses his powers to destroy. God wants to save man by lifting him up, and Satan purposes to conquer by dragging man down. Jude speaks of the angels which fell with the devil and how they are reserved unto judgment in the time to come. From the time of the fall of Satan, he has striven for the souls of men with every conceivable sinful plan. God on the other hand has held out arms of love and mercy to every human being, desiring to save them from the power of Satan and from hell which was created for Satan.

In the time of the fall of man in the Garden of Eden, sin came upon all men because of the disobedience and

breaking of the laws of a righteous God. The devil lied and won. Even after this fall, God provided a way of escape for sinful man by the giving of His Son on Calvary, a sacrifice for the redemption of the world. So this spiritual controversy goes on and will go on until the end of the dispensation of grace. It has been a spiritual war, as it were. From the creation of man, every human being upon earth has a "something" within him that cries out for a super power. Man was created that way that he might find and love and honor his Creator; but he was also created a being to think and act and choose for himself. God has decreed that all who will accept the sacrifice His Son made on Calvary for the sins of the world, and follow in the way He leads, will be freed from sin and from the power of the author of sin. Those who refuse and turn their backs on Christ are walking in the way of the evil one—Satan. It has been thus in the past ages and will continue so until Satan is destroyed. That will eventually take place.

Now to get back to the "superman." Let us quote 2 Thess. 2:3, 4, "Let no man deceive you . . . and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God." And verses 9 and 10, "Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because **THEY RECEIVED NOT THE LOVE OF THE TRUTH, THAT THEY MIGHT BE SAVED.**" This is still future but the present setup of world affairs is fast leading up to this very thing.

Read also the 13th chapter of the Revelation. The "beast" means a man of power, a superman who later turns out to be the antichrist. Note, he rises out of the sea (of humanity) and the people worship him, saying, "Who is able to make war with him?" They have found a man who is able to keep peace at last, and they worship him. Verse 8 shows who will worship him:

in the Light of Prophecy

"All that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life . . ." Why won't those whose names are written in the book worship him? Because they are born of the Spirit of God and will know that he is antichrist and an enemy of God. In this chapter we see the trinity of Satan. Satan has attempted to copy God in every possible way (in order to deceive the human race) and as there is a heavenly Trinity—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—Satan has his trinity composed of himself (the devil) the beast and the false prophet. Note in the second verse where the devil "gave him (the beast) his power, and his seat, and great authority." In Revelation 17, we see this same beast as ruler over all the earth. Rev. 13:7 says, "... power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations." The beast and the antichrist and the superman are all the same person.

In Daniel 7, we see the rise of three great powers, and immediately following them another power far greater than either of the three. This will be the antichrist and he will have ten lesser kings (powers) helping him. The three (big three) will be subdued or have to sit back and let the fourth great power rule. We see in this chapter a setup of the coming world government. There will be the superman who will be the head, and ten other powers who will do according to his will. They will be of one mind and one spirit, and will give their power and strength unto the beast, verse 24. However, their reign will be short. The Word says "one hour," meaning a short period. Revelation 13 says the beast shall reign forty-two months (3 years). Today, it was declared over the radio that the nations were agreed that in order to control the atomic power, world government was absolutely necessary. World government will have a head. In the eyes of the unsaved people of the world, this superman will be just a world president, appointed to keep peace. This is what he will be for a short time; but later he will show himself to be the antichrist described in the Scriptures. He is clearly described as the antichrist, or the second person in Satan's trinity,

even as Jesus Christ is the second person in God's Trinity. The beast is antichrist because he is a man of Satan, one who is opposed to God in everything.

More and more we notice that people who are not followers of Jesus Christ and who are opposed to the laws of God, are looking entirely to MAN to get the world out of the mess MAN has gotten it into. They leave God entirely out of the picture. They forget that when man tried to build the tower of Babel they said, "Let us make a name for ourselves." What happened? Their tongues were confused by God and they were scattered abroad. This week, when the first meeting of the United Nations met in London, the meeting was opened without calling on God for guidance or recognizing Him in any way. A righteous God will let this kind of thing go on for a while, because He is long-suffering, not willing that any should perish, but the time will come when the kings of the earth, and the rich men, etc., will hide themselves in the dens of the earth and call upon the rocks and the mountains to hide them from the face of Almighty God and His Son. Rev. 6:15, 16.

All of these things aforementioned are end-time realities. They have been prophesied and are coming true now. 2 Timothy 3:1 says that "in the last days perilous times shall come?" and the writer goes on to describe what people will be like in those times. We see it all around us today.

Another great sign of the end-time is the sign of the fig tree, or the Jews' returning to Palestine. During World War I, General Allenby drove the Turks of Jerusalem through a great number of airplanes flying over the city. This was in fulfillment of prophecy, Isaiah 31:5, "As birds flying, so will the Lord of hosts defend Jerusalem; defending also he will deliver it; and passing over he will preserve it." We know that this literally took place. The country all around was a terrible carnage but the city was not touched. This prophecy was made hundreds of years before airplanes were first made.

It was at this time that another prophecy was fulfilled which opened the way for the Jews to go back to

Palestine. The United States had possession of the great explosive TNT, but could not find a way to get it across the ocean where it was so urgently needed. In their attempts to ship it across, two or three ships had been blown up almost before they could get out of the harbor. At that time, a Jew by the name of Wiseman, who was a student of God's Word, pointed to a solution in the Word. Job 38:22, 23, "Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow? or hast thou seen the treasures of the hail, which I have reserved against the time of trouble, against the day of battle and war?" They acted upon his suggestion and packed their explosive in ice and it carried safely. For this it was promised, that a way would be opened for the Jews to go back to Palestine as a home land. Britain was given a mandate over Palestine, and they have allowed many thousands of Jews to go back, but not as a whole. Now, in our present time, there is a clamor by the Jews to be allowed to go back and settle and possess Palestine as their home land. This, too, is the fulfillment of prophecy. Jeremiah 32:37, "Behold, I will gather them out of all countries, whither I have driven them in mine anger, and in my fury and in great wrath (because they rejected His Son Jesus Christ as their Messiah); and I will bring them again unto this place, and I will cause them to dwell safely." However, there is an obstacle to the Jews going back; the Arabs control part of Palestine, and their temple, the Mosque of Omer, which is sacred to them as Mohammedans, is built on the very temple sight so long held by the Jews and upon which sight the Jews are planning to rebuild their temple, for which they are even now preparing. The Arabs claim this to be the exact spot from where their prophet Mohammed ascended when he went to heaven.

There is a controversy at the present time as to who should own Palestine, but God's Word will vindicate itself every time and it is now by the Word that we prove who shall eventually own this land.

We read in Genesis 15 and 18 how God promised Abraham a son by his wife Sarah who was barren. This son was to be heir of the Promised Land (Palestine). Several years passed by, Sarah was quite old, and still no son was born to her. She decided to take matters in her own hands (as so many do, without consulting God), and she

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J. STEWART BRINSFIELD
Executive Missions Secretary



News From Our FOREIGN MISSIONS



PIONEER WORK IN WEST INDIES

(Letter to Brother Winter from
St. Martins)

Dear Brother Winter:

On Wednesday, October 9, 1946, I left St. Kitts, and after a night and day's sailing, I landed on the shore of St. Martins (not a very sweet experience, sailing on these small boats). Friday night a few hundred of the natives assembled in the open air to welcome me. It was very encouraging to see fifty-four souls kneeling around on the bare ground seeking their Savior with a peculiar earnestness after hearing the message of the cross. It was late in the night when we started back home on our long journey on foot—from the French quarters to Grape Bay on the Dutch side where our good Sister Thomas received us the evening before, making us very comfortable.

On Saturday morning I was granted audience with the governor of the Dutch side. I begged his permission to hold religious services in the town of Grape Bay, but he was as firm as any priest could hope to get a man. No appeal, persuasion, or diplomacy touched him; so I had to give it up as hopeless.

Sunday morning, a car arrived to take us over to the French quarters. This, together with a long journey on foot, served to begin the day of blessings. We had a very nice baptismal service when eight precious souls followed their Lord into the water. The long journey was then retraced to the home where the saints gathered for the eleven o'clock service. Nineteen were received into fellowship and twenty-six judged themselves worthy to partake of the Lord's Supper. In the evening, a bus load from a distant village came in to assemble with us in the open air. This meeting was certainly something blessed. It continued until the message for the regular evening service

was delivered, after which we had the joy of seeing another forty-one souls kneeling around seeking the Lord.

The people are hungry for the gospel and will spend hours listening to the services. Crowds come and remain, and you are sure to feel like telling them about the love of Jesus. Where Brother Welcome is concerned I can say no more than that he is a governor among them, and they are very willing to be governed by him. The outlook is very convincing. The work of Brother and Sister Welcome, along with that of Sister Thomas, is a great one and has marvelous prospects. The day has come when St. Martins is awakened and crying out for the gospel. Opportunity can be spelled in golden letters for anyone who wants to evangelize. The fields are white unto harvest, large and inviting. Only consecrated workers would succeed, though, because there are still many

hard difficulties to face.

Monday I spent the day looking around and was introduced to the owner of a good looking house that is untenanted. He would rent it to us for services. It is about eighteen feet by fifteen feet, gable and shed. He would remove the partitions and let us have it for \$4 per month (Dutch currency, about \$5.50 in British). Well, the need seemed to be so urgent and the opportunity so rare that I took it upon myself to barter with him to let us have it for \$3 (Dutch money), which will be about \$4.80 in British money. It is not often that I take such forward steps and I would never like to be charged with being heady or indiscreet; but as things appear, this seemed to have been my best judgment in the interest of the work, which is certainly full of bright prospects. I am also trying hard to raise some money here to seat the place.

Should you consider the step advisable, I would certainly like to beg you to plead in behalf of this deserving cause here in St. Martins. These workers have been here by their guns for a year without any help, and they are determined to remain. Sister Thomas has been sacrificing tremendously to try to keep Brother and Sister Welcome furnished for the field; paying rent for the house and meeting many other demands of the home. She has four children of her own, and three of her daughter's. To

TAKE NOTICE!

Here is Another Golden Opportunity: For What? To Visit the Bahama Islands.

The 27th Annual Convention of the Church of God in the Bahamas will convene in the beautiful city of Nassau, the capital of the Bahama Islands, in January, 1947, beginning on Tuesday the 7th, and ending on Sunday night the 11th, D. V. I hereby wish to extend an invitation to all readers of the Evangel to attend this great feast.

TRANSPORTATION

There will be an air mail service of about three planes a day, and you will be able to make the trip across from Miami to Nassau in ninety minutes, so don't miss this rare opportunity. Those who plan to come, please write me as soon as you can so that our entertainment committee can make the necessary preparations for you.

On account of the heavy passenger travel in that time, I would advise that you make reservation on the plane as early as possible. When you arrive in Nassau, there will be a representative there to conduct you to the Church of God Auditorium. Come on, dear friends, and enjoy this wonderful feast.

Address all communications to Rev. William R. Franks, P. O. Box 941, Nassau, Bahamas.

We shall be looking for you so don't forget to obtain your reservation in time.

May God bless every one of you.

Your's for a great Convention,

Rev. William R. Franks.

help Brother Welcome is to ease the burden of this good sister and I think the situation is one that would arouse the sympathy of any one who knew the circumstances.

About his receiving license, the field is far and inconvenient, and they are already here. They seem to understand the people, and the people also understand them, but with other churches competing, the followers want to know that their rights are sure among us. Please help me also, if this meets your approval. There is a chance for every man and I believe he will succeed here in St. Martins. If we help him bear his burdens, I am sure that his appreciative spirit will manifest itself in even greater service. If you could succeed in getting the Mission Board to allow St. Martins even \$10 per month, I have reason to believe that good results will soon be forthcoming.

Our services Monday night resulted in forty-four souls on the turf. Tuesday night, there were another fifty-nine men and women bowed before the Lord. Some of these, if not all, mean business, and seem earnest in testimony.

Very sincerely,
C. A. Nurse.

Letter to Executive Missions Secretary

Dear Brother Brinsfield:

The great pleasure is mine to have at hand your good letter and this feeble effort is to reciprocate all of its niceness which I have undeservedly received.

Please accept my sincere, hearty congratulations on your recent appointment. We pray continually for you that you might be able to meet the great demands of this office. We believe that it is quite a responsibility, but we feel that you have been called to fill a place for which you have been trained. The Lord will surely prosper you in all of your undertakings for Him. There are many sincere hearts whose every beat makes a vibration of well wishes for your complete success.

I have spent a few days away from my field of labor, doing some pioneer work. St. Martins is about eighty sea-miles from St. Kitts. It has a divided government—the Dutch ruling a part, and the French the remainder. A family from our church here went there to settle and soon saw a great opportunity for service and began preaching the gospel. It

was altogether new, fresh, strange, and sweet. The Dutch opposed this and are still bitter against it but on the French side it is just the opposite. The people who sat in darkness are glad to have the light, and those who were in the region of the shadow of death are glad to have life.

That faithful couple of workers kept calling for the support of their cause in St. Martin after a year of service. Giving it plenty of consideration, Brother Winter was persuaded that we should investigate and so advised my proceedings. When I arrived, I was granted audience with the Dutch governor, but he was as firm as granite in his opposition where religion was concerned. However, we have a very faithful sister and her household on that side and she is prepared to stem the tide of opposition. She believes that one of these days the Lord will open up the way on the Dutch side.

The French side provides the biggest opportunity I have ever seen. The people are hungry for the gospel. The Roman Catholics have one or two churches which are separated by several miles. However, the Methodists are lesser in proportion in churches and followers. Plenty of people who have never given religion a thought but were valiant soldiers for Satan are now following our movement; many others welcome the glad news; and still others support the cause with their well wishes. Every night while speaking to those vast crowds, the fire of evangelism burned in my breast. *Opportunity* can be written in golden letters. "Alexander the coppersmith" wouldn't change his mind; he still fights and does his evil here as he did to the apostle Paul. May the Lord move him out of our way.

Yours in His service, C. A. Nurse.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

(Continued from page 2)

Me to be healed of rheumatism; also my daughter to be healed.—Mrs. Lela Wright, Chester, S. C.

That God will heal my gums.—A friend.

Mr. Noble Rogers to be healed of a serious illness.—Mrs. Lee Hall, Bogalusa, La.

A very special unspoken request.—M. B. Holcomb, Christiansburg, Va.

Eva Moore who is in the hospital with cancer.—A friend.

The healing of my side.—Mrs. J. C. Garmany, Altoona, Ala.

A friend to be saved; also that God will have His way in my life.—Minnie Lee Coker, Boylston, Ala.

A friend to be healed, also saved; my husband.—Mrs. Arlin Holcomb.—Fruithurst, Ala.

My healing and the salvation of my loved ones.—Bessie Austin, Albany, Ga.

God to heal my wife and me.—Vetol Watkins, Arlington, Ky.

Me to be healed of T. B.; also the boys in my room to be healed and saved.—Robin Prince, Upland Sanatorium, Pleasant Hill, Tenn.

My daughter to be healed of internal abscesses, low blood pressure and other ailments.—Mrs. Maudie Crossley, Anniston, Ala.

Sister Janet Babon who is very ill.—Mr. Oney Bohon, St. George, W. Va.

Me, as I am going through a severe trial.—Mrs. Mary Starns, Rochelle, Ill.

My sister, that God will save and heal her.—Mrs. Lannie Wiggins, Ochlochnee, Ga.

God to heal my husband, also our youngest son.—Mrs. J. H. Belcher, Love, Okla.

An unspoken request.—A friend.

My son to be healed.—C. E. Martin, Marietta, Ohio.

My little girl who has a severe head trouble; also pray for me to be healed.—Mrs. Allen Fields Chatsworth, Ga.

My son to be healed of asthma.—Mrs. Jack Walters, Derila, N. C.

My husband who was hurt by a horse.—Mrs. Bessie Lynchard, Cleveland, Miss.

God to open up a place for us to worship.—Zola B., Newark, Ark.

My husband to be healed, he has been sick for sixteen years; also that my sister will be healed.—Mrs. Charles Crouch, Middletown, Ohio.

A TESTIMONY . . .

I want to praise God for healing my baby. She would have some kind of seizures and would get stiff and cold and her eyes would set. It seemed that she would be taken from us, but God healed her. He also healed me of T. B. when the doctors had given me up to die.—Matt Hubbard, Williamsburg, Ky.

CHURCH of GOD ON THE AIR

ALABAMA

Bro. Frank Johnson, over Station WSGN, Birmingham, Ala. Daily at 5:15-5:45 a. m. Sunday, 7:00-8:00 a. m.

Rev. C. T. Douglas, over station WKAX, Birmingham, 900 Kc., daily 1:30-2:00 p.m.; Sunday 1:00-2:00 p.m.

"Gospel Message," over station WCOV, 1210 Kc., Montgomery, Sunday, 8:45-9:15 a.m. M. D. Harwood, pastor.

Sylacauga Church of God, over station in Sylacauga, 1340 Kc., Sunday 7:00-7:30 a.m. O. O. Philien, pastor.

Rev. Carl Green, over station WJOI, Florence, Sunday, 9:00-9:30 a.m.

ARIZONA

Bisbee, over station KSUN, Lowell, Ariz. each Sunday morning from 9:15-9:45. O. N. Swearingin, pastor.

CANADA

Western Canada, over CHAB, Moose Jaw, Sask., 800 Kc. Sunday, 8:00-8:30 a. m.; Monday, Friday, Saturday, 9:15-9:30 a. m.

GEORGIA

Toccoa, over WELC, each Sunday from 7:00-8:00 a. m. Monday through Friday, 10:15-10:30 a. m. H. V. Fowler, pastor.

Rossville, West Gordon Avenue church, over station WAPC, Chattanooga, Tenn., each Sunday from 8:30-7:00 a. m. Hoyt Odum, pastor.

North Rome over station WRGA, each Saturday from 9:30-10:00 a. m. C. E. Richard, pastor.

The Church of God Radio Hour, over Station WAYX, Waycross, Ga. Every first and third Tuesday at 11:50 a. m., CST. J. B. Conner, pastor, Hazlehurst, Ga.

Radio Evangelistic Hour, over Station WGOV, Valdosta, and WMGA, Moultrie, South Georgia network. Sunday 3:00-4:00 p. m. EST, direct from the Church of God. Morning Bible Class Monday through Friday at 7:45 a. m. over WGOV, Valdosta, 1450 Kc. L. O. Peck, pastor-director.

ILLINOIS

Carmi, over station WEBQ, Harrisburg, each Friday from 10:00-10:30 a. m. J. L. Summers, pastor.

KENTUCKY

Harlan, over WHLN, 1230 Kc., Monday through Saturday from 8:00-8:15 a. m. F. R. Harrawood, pastor.

"The Morning Prayer" program of Louisville churches over WINN, Louisville, Ky., each Friday from 6:15-6:45 a. m.

Lexington, over station WBUY, 1190 Kc., Sunday, 3:00-3:30 p. m. R. W. Doolittle, pastor.

MARYLAND

Sellsbury, over station WBOC, each Saturday morning 9:30-10:00 a. m. J. R. Burkett, pastor.

Young People's Gospel Service, over Station WFMD, Frederick, Md. Each Saturday from 4:30-5:00 p. m. George A. Harne in charge, Smithsburg, Md.

MICHIGAN

"Word of Life Hour" program over WMPG, Lapeer, each Tuesday from 4:30-5:15 p. m. W. M. Barnard, pastor.

MISSOURI

South St. Joseph over station KVAK, 1450 Kc. Each Sunday from 2:30-3:00 p. m. L. E. Holdman, pastor.

South St. Joseph Shut-In program, over KVAK, each Wednesday from 3:45-4:00 p. m. Mrs. L. E. Holdman.

MONTANA

Bozeman, each Sunday at 10:00 p. m. W. H. Snyder, pastor.

NORTH CAROLINA

Bladenboro No. 1 Church of God, over Station WTSE, Lumberton, N. C., from 9 to 9:30 a. m., 1340 Kc. Frank Petrucci, pastor.

Hope Mills, over station WFNC, 1440 Kc., Fayetteville, each Wednesday at 9:00-9:15 a.m. Each Sunday from 8:45-9:15 a. m. J. H. Daniels, pastor.

"Church of God Hour" over Station WGNC, Gastonia, each Saturday from 1:00-1:30 p. m. Rev. Floyd Timmerman in charge.

Roanoke Rapids, over WCBT, each Saturday at 2:30 p.m. Floyd A. Boger, pastor.

Wilmington, over WMFD, Wilmington, 1400 Kc., each Sunday from 7:30-8:00 a. m. V. D. Combs, pastor.

Winston-Salem, over Station WAIR, 1340 Kc., each Wednesday at 6:30 a. m. Roland Virrico, pastor.

"Precious Moments," Concord, over station WFNC, Fayetteville, 1450 on the dial, Sunday, 8:00 a. m.; Thursday, 7:30 a. m. D. H. Delk, pastor.

Belmont, over station WEGO, Concord, Saturday, 3:30-4:00 p.m. 1410 Kc. Clifford Jenkins, pastor.

Rocky Mount, over station WEED, each Sunday morning 8:30 to 9:00. 1250 Kc. on the dial. G. F. Carter, pastor.

NORTH DAKOTA

Minot, over KLFM, each Sunday from 6:30-7:00 p. m. O. M. Backman.

OHIO

Cleveland, over station WADC, Cleveland. M. W. Patterson, pastor.

Canton, daily over station WCMW, 8:45-9:00 a.m. G. W. Hodges, pastor.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Langley church, over WGAC, Augusta, Ga., 1300 Kc., each Sunday from 8:30-9:00 a. m. Carl Cox, pastor.

Columbia church, over station WCOS, 1400 Kc., each Sunday 8:30-9:00 a.m. E. M. Mortenson, pastor.

Dillon, over Station WDSC, 800 on your dial, each Sunday morning from 9 to 9:30; also each

A TESTIMONY

Bless His Name!

I promised the Lord if He would give me the Holy Ghost I would testify to it through the Evangel. First let me say, I was saved in a Methodist church more than thirty years ago. I lived in a Methodist community. My parents and friends were Methodists. I knew nothing of holiness until one of my brothers received the Holy Ghost and began to tell me about it, twelve years ago. Of course, I did not believe at first. But as the days went by I was made to believe and was brought into the Church of God. For eight years I had been wanting the Holy Ghost. One day

first Sunday from 11 a. m. to 12 noon. W. R. Craven, pastor.

Anderson, "Church of God Hour," over station WAIM, Wednesday and Friday, 5:30-6:00 a. m.; Sunday, 6:55-7:25 a. m. 1230 Kc. B. E. Ellis, pastor.

Florence, over station WOLS, 1230 Kc., Saturday, 10:00-10:15 a. m. W. Frank Smith, pastor.

Greenville No. 1, "The Church of God Hour," over station WARC, 1490 Kc., 11:00 p. m.—12:00 midnight, each Saturday; 8:00-8:30 a. m. each Sunday. Earl P. Paulk, pastor.

Greenwood, "Radio Gospel Hour," over station WCRS, 1450 Kc., 9:15-9:45 a. m. each Sunday. F. L. Muller, pastor.

Lancaster, "The Sunshine Hour," over station WHRI, Rock Hill, 1340 Kc., 2:00-2:30 p. m. each Sunday. L. R. Patterson, pastor.

Rock Hill, "Full Gospel Radio Hour," over station WHRI, 1340 Kc., 3:00-3:30 p. m. each Sunday. J. L. McCoy, pastor.

TENNESSEE

North Cleveland, over station WBAC, Cleveland, 1340 Kc. Each week day, except Saturday, from 3:30-4:00 p. m. Each Sunday from 9:00-9:30 a.m. James L. Slay, pastor.

B. T. S., Sevierville, over station WNOX, Knoxville, 990 Kc., each Sunday morning at 9:00.

South Cleveland, over Station WBAC, Cleveland, Tenn., 1340 Kc. Each week day, except Saturday, from 10:15-10:30 a.m. Each Sunday from the church from 11:45-12:15 p.m. J. A. Bixler, pastor.

"Fountain of Life" Program, Sweetwater Church of God, over Station WLAR, Athens, Tenn., 1450 Kc. Each Sunday from 8:00-8:30 a. m. (CST). Clyde Caraway, pastor.

Elizabethton, over station WBET, 1:30 p.m., weekdays; 8:00-8:30 a.m., Sunday. J. D. Wilson, pastor.

Memphis, over station WMPG, 7:30 a.m., Sunday. J. D. Free, pastor.

Cookeville, over station WHUB, 9:00-9:30 a.m., Saturday. R. M. Strong, pastor.

East Chattanooga, over station WAGC, 5:30-6:00 p. m. Saturday. James A. Cross, pastor.

Alton Park church, over WAPC, Chattanooga, 1:00-1:45 p.m. and 10:30-11:30 p.m., Saturday. J. D. Smith, pastor.

VIRGINIA

Martinsville, over Station WMVA, each Saturday from 10:00-10:30 a. m. Rev. Fred Hopkins, pastor.

WEST VIRGINIA

War, over station WBRW, Welch, W. Va. Each Tuesday and Thursday at 2:30-3:00 p.m.; each Sunday 1:45-2:30 p. m. S. B. McCane, pastor.

Many thanks to the state overseers in helping us to bring our "Church of God on the Air" announcements up to date. Please notify us of any new programs begun, or any changes necessary.

when the Evangel came, I took it up stairs to read. I went in and closed the door and something seemed to say, "Pray," so I obeyed. Then the thought came to me, "The Evangel is prayed over before it is sent out, and I have heard of people being healed by laying it on them, so why wouldn't it help me to receive the Baptism?" I placed it on my head and began to pray, faith was increased and I began to believe He would baptize me. I kept on praising and glorifying Him until the Comforter came and is now abiding within. Bless His name.

I am hoping and praying that some readers may get faith to go through with Him by reading this.—Arthur B. Moore, Route 4, Sevierville, Tenn.

PRESENT WORLD CONDITIONS IN THE LIGHT OF PROPHECY

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gave her maid (an Egyptian) to Abraham to be his wife, that a son might be born to them. She didn't consider that she was to be the mother of the promised son.

A son was born to Abraham and the Egyptian maid and they called him Ishmael. Later, the son of promise was born to Sarah and they named him Isaac. Genesis 16 tells of Ishmael's birth and also prophecies that he will be a wild man and have many descendants. Ishmael is the father of the Arabs—wild men they are.

Genesis 17:7, 8, speaks of God's covenant with Abraham and the giving of the land as an everlasting possession. Verses 19 and 21 show Isaac the son of Sarah (and son of promise) as the heir of the land. Isaac is the father of the Jews.

Who will possess Palestine? The Jews, of course. It cannot be otherwise, as God's Word has so declared it to be. Let us see what Jeremiah 23:7, 8 says: "Therefore, behold the days come, saith the Lord, that they shall no more say, the Lord liveth, which brought up the children of Israel out of Egypt; but, the Lord liveth which brought up and led the seed of the house of Israel out of the north country, and from all the countries whither I had driven them; and they shall dwell in their own land."

At the present time, the nations of the world are debating what shall be done with the Jewish situation which is one of the foremost problems of today. They might let the Arabs remain in the land for a time for various reasons, but sooner or later God will take a hand and the Jews will eventually own Palestine as a home land.

These, we have tried to show you, are signs and prophecies being fulfilled in these days, which are the last days of the dispensation of grace. God's Word says also, "When these things BEGIN to come to pass, then look up, lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." Jesus Christ is the Redemption of the children of God. Truly things are shaping up thick and fast for His soon coming. Luke 21:27, "And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory."

When Jesus ascended to heaven, after His resurrection, two angels appeared to the disciples, and said, "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus,

which is taken up into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." 1 Thess. 4:16, 17, "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the

trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." We, as

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students of God's Word, and as born-again followers of Jesus Christ, believe that immediately after this takes place, which we call "the rapture" of the Church, the time of the great tribulation, as spoken of in Matthew 24, will begin. "Then there shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be." Those who have turned their backs on Jesus Christ and His gospel, will go into this terrible time of tribulation, where they can neither buy nor sell (Rev. 13:16, 17) unless they take the mark of the beast, and if they do take his mark, they will have sealed their doom for all eternity. The devil's brand means all hope of heaven gone forever.

In spite of all this, people are going on in sin and living carelessly, making no preparation for the future. To find something to entertain and satisfy the lust of the flesh is the only thought of millions of people whom Christ died to save. Turn on a radio at any time, Sunday or weekday, and you will hear program after program of all kinds of entertainment, a great part of which is hardly fit to come into a home. What are we going to do about this when we stand before the great Judge? Luke 21:34, "Take heed . . . lest . . . your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting (eating), and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares."

Another sign of the end-time is the moral condition of the world. The way women and girls dress in men's clothing is, according to His Word, an abomination in His sight; but it seems to me it is almost a greater abomination in His sight to go about with almost nothing on, like so many are doing. 2 Timothy 3:1-5, "In the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse." A seducer is one who entices others from the paths of duty and virtue. Is this not what untold numbers are doing today? Young people are persuaded to smoke and drink and attend parties where liquor flows freely, and when a young girl is overcome by intoxicants, she is in no condition to protect her chastity. This is all of the devil, as any clear-thinking person knows. The Bible, God's Word, teaches only truth and purity, backed by divine love. These are things that lift one up above

the impure, evil, ungodly things of the evil one. A man or woman of godly character will shun the enticements of the devil, but young people who are not taught in the pure things of God and His Word, and are out for pleasure and entertainment, are easy victims of the wiles of the devil. The Word of God pronounces stern judgment against anyone in the service of the devil, in leading people, young or old, astray.

So few of the programs over the air, or in the picture shows, are for educational purposes; most all are for entertainment, and so much of it is accompanied in one way or another with vulgar, lustful statements or acts that are meant to fill young minds (as well as older ones) with lustful thoughts that tend to lower morals. Everyone knows this to be true. Does the Word not say that in the end-time men would wax worse and worse?

Friends, this old world is in a deplorable condition and who is to blame? Can we say, "Why did a loving God allow these things to be? Would you say God was a just God if He had not allowed man to be master of his own mind and action? God set two ways before man and told him NOT to go in the way of eternal death, but to go the narrow way of eternal LIFE. Men were allowed to think and act and choose for themselves, otherwise they would have been just like the animals; and so many have chosen to turn their backs on God and right and truth and purity of life, with the glories of heaven as a future reward. He has chosen rather to indulge in the things that lead to ETERNAL DEATH. Some people advocate that people will go to heaven even in their sins, because a loving God does not send anyone to hell. It is true that God does not send anyone to hell, but if man chooses to follow the evil one in this life, in spite of God's warnings,

it naturally follows that he will eventually go where his leader leads. God teaches that no sin can enter heaven. Would a life full of sin be allowed in heaven when He has been warned thousands of times against everything that defiles, when the Word of God teaches plainly the way one can be cleansed of his sins and made pure and worthy to be received into the family of a holy God, and yet he has failed to repent and forsake his sins? The Lord is coming back for those who are living in accordance with the teaching of His Word, and who are looking for Him and loving His appearing. We see by the signs mentioned herein that He is coming soon. What kind of persons ought we to be in all manner of conversation and godliness in order to be accounted worthy to go with Him?

John 3:16, "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not PERISH, but have EVERLASTING LIFE." The time is short. Why delay longer? The door of mercy is open now, but may be closed any moment. NOW is all you have. You have no promise of even a moment, hour, or day longer. May God help you to decide for Him NOW!

Back-Seat Drivers

The 20th-century church may be filled with "back-seat drivers," from those who say, "If you will leave out the virgin birth and miracles of Jesus, people will believe the Bible," to those who say, "If you will leave out divine healing, Pentecost, the Sermon on the Mount, you can win the world." The early Church did not change the gospel and they turned the world upside down.—Earl A. Cripps.

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REVIVALS IN THE BIBLE

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voice of the Lord through the prophets, God chastised them (Hag. 1:3-11). Haggai and Zechariah urged the people to continue. Zerubbabel heard their plea; he understood the plan of God; he led them on. At length, the revived people finished the task. The topstone was laid with the shoutings of "Grace, grace" (Zech. 4:7), for the work was wrought by the power of the Spirit of God (Zech. 4:6). It is then we read that the Lord made them joyful and strengthened their hands, and that even the heart of the king of Assyria was turned toward them (Ezra 6:22). The second time God met the lagging spirits and the flagging zeal of the returned captives was in the day of Nehemiah. On this occasion, the Lord used Ezra as His human instrument. Having heard the Word of God (Neh. 8), the people were led to repentance and confession (9:1-3), and the Levites entered into covenant with God (chap. 10). This revived people dedicated the finished walls of Jerusalem with gladness and singing (Neh. 12:27, 44-47).

Finally, we point to one New Testament revival. We are thinking of the Day of Pentecost. It has been truly affirmed that the Christian Church began in the fires of revival. For ten days one hundred and twenty saints were praying. Then the fire fell. Then Peter, baptized by the Spirit, infilled with the Spirit, and anointed by the Spirit, preached. Then the apostles gave their witness. The early Church was characterized by unity and joy (Acts 2:46, 47), and, of course, souls were saved (v. 47b).

We have looked briefly at the record of eight Bible revivals. When God's people were discouraged, when they were disobedient, when they were distrustful, the Spirit of God moved among them in answer to prayerful longing and obedience on the part of a few, or even one. Will He do any less now? Is God a respecter of persons? God says: "Them that honour me, I will honour" (1 Sam. 2:30). We pray, "Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?" (Psa. 85:6).

Most of the past revivals of history have begun at one distinct point in the lives of the Lord's people and then have spread to other areas, and on and out into more distant places. This was true of the great revival of

1857 which began as a result of a little group at 115 Fulton Street, New York City, who prayed. It was true of the remarkable revivals in the days of Charles G. Finney, which had their genesis in the central area of New York state. God is not confined to any geographical region.

Pray for the sound pastors of the Nation, God-appointed men, that they may be awakened and become the true spiritual leaders of the people. Pray for the numerous groups of Christian laymen in whom such possibilities lie.

Pray for the faithful evangelists whom God is raising up, and for the movements like "Christ for America,"

which God is using to stimulate a new, live spirit of Bible-based evangelism in every part of America.

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